

WESSEX NEWS

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PRICE TWOPENCE.

WHITHER 1939 ?

The appearance in College this week of a large number of O.T.C. uniforms is very significant of the times in which we are living. To-day, the student, with every other member of the community, is beginning to wake up and realise that international affairs can have a great effect on his life. To-day we are beginning to realise the effect that war on a modern basis will have on us. Not only would it completely disorganise our life, not only would the finest members of our generation be sacrificed, but the things which to us are most important would be vitally affected. The effect of war on culture and learning, the misuse of the scientist's discoveries—in the face of these facts no student can stand aside in his traditional academic isolation, for these are problems which go to the very roots of our civilisation.

Surely, we who are supposed to be the most intelligent members of the generation, who will have to bear the brunt of such a catastrophe, should give a lead in the attack on this problem. But can we say that students do approach these problems in a more rational manner than the man in the street? Does he give his training in rational thinking to any effect? Is he not just as much a prey to appeals, to emotion, prejudice and self interest which ruin clear thought and impartial judgement. But because we must judge affairs in an impartial manner this does not mean that we must develop a sterile type of philosophy which simply studies the world and makes no attempt to change it for the better. We must first understand our environment and then, and only then, can we control and change it.

If we have decided, as many students who have joined the O.T.C. seem to have done, that we may have to fight, is it not worth while pondering over such an important step? What things are worth fighting for and how can we reduce the possibility of war to a minimum? To-day we seem farther than ever from the ideal of a system whereby international problems are solved by reason rather than a resort to force, but this is the only basis on which we can build a sane and just system of international relations. Man has solved the problems of organising his life on a family basis, he has overcome the difficulties involved in living in national communities and to-day we are faced with the final task of organising our activities on a world basis. We are faced

by a choice between order and anarchy, between an idealism which implies the rule of reason, and a realist policy involving the rule of the bully and the dominance of the most strongly armed.

Are we to support a system of settling international disputes whereby peace (to use Hitler's words) is maintained "not by the tearful pacifist lamentations of palm-waving females, but founded upon the victorious sword of a ruling race"? Is a "peace" of this type worth while? Peace without liberty is no real peace. Such a state of affairs invariably means the suppression of culture. In those countries where liberty has been curtailed it is a remarkable fact that the finest men in the realms of the arts and sciences have not conformed to the uniform type of mind that is required in the service of the state. Because men like Galileo and Copernicus dared to think differently from the accepted ideas of their time, science and learning have benefited. When we lose the spirit of toleration, then culture cannot go forward and our civilisation must decline. By obeying authority we get "peace" for a time, but hardly peace worth having. We must be prepared to fight to defend this precious gift of freedom, for unless we are prepared to go to these lengths in its defence, the work of the men and women who fought for it in the past will have been wasted.

The year 1939 will be a vital one in the history of the world in general and for the democracies in particular. If we wish democracy to survive, we must, in the first place, ensure that our own democracy is worth defending. If democracy gives a man justice and freedom then he will be much more ready to defend it. We must also ensure that the democratic principle is recognised in international relations. The machinery for the maintenance of peace on these lines is available in the League of Nations, if only the nations of the world would use it. There must be no repetition of the events of last year when a country was made to submit to force, and judgement of her case given without her even being allowed to state her case.

1939—What will it bring? Peace, justice, and freedom, or a degeneration to the law of the jungle?

B. U. L. N. S.

The Maginot Line

On Friday evening at South Stoneham House, Mr. B. S. Townroe, the Secretary of the British Institute in Paris, delivered one of the most important addresses we have heard in this College for some time. A talk on the huge defences on the Rhine frontier of France had necessarily to make reference to the present international situation, and Mr. Townroe's desire to give the French point of view and his refusal to generalise from his special knowledge (to use his own phrase he "was not a politician") gave added weight to his analysis of the present position.

The magnitude of the defence works can be inferred from the fact that a military Commission was at work from 1922 to 1927 analysing the experiences of 1914 to 1918 and it is to be expected that the most vulnerable points on this French frontier have been very carefully fortified. The speaker likened the triple nature of the defence works to the formation of a football team: the backs were fortresses on the mountains manned with heavy artillery; the half-backs were smaller fortresses supported by traps, steel girders, and other ingenious devices for obstructing tank formations; and the forwards were cleverly camouflaged emplacements of light artillery and machine-guns.

Describing his experiences when taken on a tour of inspection, Mr. Townroe said that the two things which struck him very forcibly before he went into the fortifications underground were, first, the openness of the French authorities with regard to the defences in Alsace, although they are at present being pushed ahead at great speed, and, in contrast, the polite, but firm refusal of the German authorities to permit him to examine the "Siegfried" line on the other side of the Rhine; and second, the marvellous way the whole of the defences lie concealed beneath a beautiful rural countryside.

On entering the subterranean works an electric train carried him several miles to the troops' living quarters. These spacious apartments were electrically heated, the kitchen arrangements rivalled those of a good hotel, and the menu for that day was much better than could be obtained in some places in Southampton. Two very large electric pans were installed each with fuel to last a year, and these installations had to supply power for light, heat, cooking, and most significant of all, for compressed air with which to fight gas attacks.

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Editorial.

To those of us who have deplored the lack of interest shown by this town in the finest of the Arts, the recent popularity of Music has come as a pleasant surprise. In the past the Music has not had much time for Southampton, but this Session seems to have heralded a new era. Not only are we being given an excellent series of celebrity concerts (the New Year being with a fine performance by Richard Tauber), but a local interest in Sacred Music has been stimulated, and the performance of "The Creation" by the Southampton Philharmonic Society last term was followed on Sunday by the "Messiah," and later in the season we are to have "The Dream of Gerontius." We sincerely hope that our own production of "The Mikado" will prove worthy of this rebirth of musical appreciation and that staff and students alike will help us to make it a success.

The members of the Union who so willingly paraded the streets in cap and gown the last Friday of term must have felt well rewarded when they realised that caroling had resulted in a record collection of £54 for the two local hospitals. Organisers of both the General and Select Carol parties are to be congratulated: and we have also to thank the townfolk for their splendid co-operation.

STRENUOUS ARDUA CEDUNT.

The December issue of *The Goliath*—the magazine of the Old Hartleys Association, contained the following paragraph in its report of College News . . . "But everything in the garden is not lovely. There is, to change the metaphor—a fly in the ointment. Indeed the fly has assumed such proportions as should make Old Hartleys, (and especially the Editor of *The Goliath*) shudder with apprehension. Cupid had, it would appear, taken a holiday. There can be no doubt that in the past he has been overworked here, and that he has earned a well-deserved rest, but College with no one on the radiators or in the mixed common-room is so impossible that we hope soon to re-engage him."

(Editor's Note: A study of the pages dealing with Old Hartleys' activities indicates that our ardent friend has found a fair sport amongst them recently. Needless to say his wounds were nearly all fatal.)

Relief

At the end of last term we seemed to be inundated with appeals for the relief of distress in other parts of the world, and a good deal of grumbling was to be heard in the Common rooms and corridors. Some people thought students should be relieved from such persistent calls on their traditionally empty pockets, others said that home causes such as work among the unemployed, or for orphans and destitute people, should have a prior claim on our charity. But to those who look on the whole world as a brotherhood, to those who would see all distinctions of race and colour abolished, overseas causes claimed equal attention. The I.S.S. appeals for funds to help destitute students in China or Czechoslovakia, and the Mansion House Fund to alleviate distress among all classes in those countries, the appeals for Spanish Relief, and the terrible privations and sufferings of Jewish refugees from the German persecution, they have all made and are still making claims on our charity. More important members of the Union have been organising these funds and it is up to us to do our part. So far the collection and Dance for Spanish Relief has realised about £13 and the proceeds for the Table Tennis Tournament has still to be collected.

In the meantime the Staff have embarked on an ambitious programme to raise money to support the effort now being made in the County and in the town to send a Hampshire Foodship to Spain. A list of suggestions was circulated to members, and several of them will be of interest to the Union. On February 17th, three one-act plays are to be presented on the same evening by students, staff, and old Hartleys. Mr. Casson is organising an informal concert for a lunch hour in which staff and students are to take part, and Mr. Leishman hopes to bring a distinguished German singer as the principal performer in a concert of "serious" music.

Other ideas include a 'Military' Whist Drive, a Tennis or Badminton Tournament, a Dance, possibly with fancy dress, and a raffle for a sketch by Mr. Casson and a caricature by Professor Lawton.

The Staff certainly mean business and we should do our best to help them in a worthy cause.

Last week members of Connaught and Highfield had an opportunity of making first-hand contacts with Jewish refugees who arrived late one evening and stayed till the following morning. From our insular isolation it is easy for us to adopt an indifferent air and to say that newspapers and B.B.C. are

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The Maginot Line—

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Another train journey brought him to a lift which took him up a considerable distance (Mr. Townroe was careful not to try to calculate what must be a very significant strategic detail) into a gun casement. The gun could be loaded here and then sent some forty yards to the surface of the earth to be fired. Telephonic communication with the front line observation posts was focussed in a central department and all the guns of a particular fortress could be trained and fired from it.

Such a feat of engineering skill should make the Maginot Line rank as one of the modern wonders of the world; it is not a greater wonder in this Year 1939 great neighbours should be so actively engaged in arming against one another?

The speaker was naturally led to say something about the present position. He emphasised that he was "skating on thin ice," that he was again putting other people's points of view, and that he had no other axe to grind than to promote goodwill between all nations, between England and France in particular, through his work in the British Initiative.

While Mr. Townroe did not commit himself to any definite statements, it was interesting and instructive to read between the lines, and in doing so one could not but be impressed by the gravity of the situation. Recent events seem to indicate that the next demand of the dictatorship from the democracies will be for colonies. Dr. Schacht's dismissal from the post of Governor of the Reichsbank probably means that the Reich is heading for economic collapse because of its enormous expenditure on armaments. Hitler has undertaken a gamble—and he will play for high stakes to make it a success. January 30th will reveal what form the next stake will take, but pointers are clearly indicating colonies.

On their side the democracies have many trump cards if only our statesmen will realise the seriousness of the diplomatic game. Not least important has been the revulsion of the Church (in particular Jewish and Catholic) and the whole world at the latest Jewish persecution and the obvious gravitation of America towards the European democracies.

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Relief—

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exaggerating. But experiences like this help to bring home to us the grim realities of a world in which so much cruelty and brutality can exist. Some of you may be doubtful about changing the system and restoring a balanced world order, but you can dip your hand in your pocket to help victims of the present "status quo."

The Maginot Line—

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The recent tour of M. Daladier has emphasised more than any other thing could have done the solidarity of the French colonial Empire in support of the Mother Country. Tunis and Corsica were particularly impressive, and emphasised their dislike for the totalitarian ideology. Apparently the general strikes have cleared the air and the political tension in France has been lessened in the face of grave national danger.

Against these favourable odds the Berlin-Rome axis has two trump cards. A nationalised Spain seems now to be definitely in sight, and Italian and German interests in Spain will make the Pyrenees a weak spot in French defences. But more important are the enormous armaments in the hands of people who do not want to use them. Undoubtedly Mr. Chamberlain was almost as popular as the Fuehrer last September, but will the German nation be able to oppose the Nazi regime?

Hosts of questions arise out of Mr. Townroe's remarks and this summary cannot hope to deal with them all, but it may be that January 30th will supply a definite clue as to "Whither 1939."

Interlude

We are glad to report that the Chairman and Vice Chairman of Connaught House Committee have manifested their desire for a closer communion with the lower orders in no uncertain fashion. The Chairman, in particular, displayed extreme keenness to join the company of less important mortals. In fact, so keen was his desire that he could only reach the floor by completely collapsing his chair in the act of signing the minutes, breaking a coffee cup en passant. His presence among the lower mortals was announced with much eclat. He was greeted with riotous cheering. The Vice Chairman unfortunately changed his mind when he had descended half way, and refused to accompany his chair to the floor. Nevertheless, this unbending on the part of our leaders is a very encouraging sign in a dark world.

BY THE WAY.

Graduates who did not take their terminals seriously will be consoled to know that the Vice-Principal recently said "Both terminals" too.

The General Carol Party—

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Perhaps it would be just as well to mention in conclusion that Carols were sung, lest the gentle reader should mistake the event for that unmentionable thing—a Rag. Never let it be said that we sank so low!

YOUTH HEARING QUESTIONNAIRE.

The following is a summary of the answers to the Questionnaire issued last term.

Question 1. Scholarships.

The average amount of grant scholarship, etc. for non B. of E. students is £70 p.a. Loans are received up to £40 per annum 60 per cent are of the opinion that the scholarships, grants, etc. are inadequate. Most B. of E. students would not have been in a position to come up to College without a B. of E. grant.

Question 2.

- It is considerably cheaper to live at home than at a Hall of Residence.
- Travelling expenses. £12 p.a. from nothing to £12 p.a. Average £4 4 0.
- Society subscriptions. B. of E. students average 5/6. Other students average 1/6. B. of E. students thus appear to join less societies than other students.
- Athletic expenses. Average £2 10 0. A negligible number of students seem to be debarrd from athletic activities on account of financial difficulties.
- Books. Average cost £4 10 0 p.a.

Question 3.

Time taken, and expenses incurred, in daily travel to College. The time taken is not exorbitant, on the whole. Varies from 10 minutes to 1 hour 20 minutes daily. Daily travelling expenses are negligible.

Question 4.

Financial strain placed on students' parents.

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70 per cent of the parents of non B. of E. students are put to some great financial strain in sending students to College.

Thus there appears to be more financial strain placed on the parents of non B. of E. students than on the parents of B. of E. students. It appears to entail more sacrifice on the part of parents to send students to College without a B. of E. grant than with most other kinds of financial assistance.

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The occasional whispers which one hears up and down College serve to remind us that the Boxing Club is still in existence. In fact these whispers were more than substantiated when a boxing match complete with apparatus made its appearance in the Assembly Hall.

Boxing seemed to have thrust itself on our attention in a comparatively short time. But when the Club was on its way to London to compete in the U.A.U. championships, something like enthusiasm swept the College. Fame was achieved in a night and the morning papers heralded the victorious U.C.S. team in no scanty head-lines. Even the *Times*, loathe to admit such upstart company into its conservative pages, deigned to grant a few lines to this sensational news.

It only remains for us to add in a few humble lines our congratulations to this gallant little Club. Even the most hardened cynic cannot forbear to acknowledge that U.C.S. has begun 1939 in real blaze of success.

Perhaps the victory of the Soccer Club was not surprising, but when the Rugby Club carry off such fine wins as they did on Saturday things are certainly looking up.

RUGBY CLUB.

A candid touch-line report by our own observer.

U.C.S. 12pts. R.A.O.C. 8pts.
Home to the R.A.O.C. on Saturday, the Rugby Club did quite well to win 12-8. During the first half R.A.O.C. had slightly more of the play, deserving their early goal, but Woolley deserves credit for a good opportunity try just before half-time. R.A.O.C. increased their lead early in the second half with a further try and looked like being comfortable winners. College, however recovered with a penalty goal by Roberts and two tries by Wile and Archard, both the reward of following up after mistakes in the R.A.O.C. defence. Roberts however failed with both kicks although both were from easy positions.

SPORTS GEAR

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Conditions were all against open rugby and the game was characterised by two sets of lively forwards, and although their packing was not good, the College forwards did have rather the better of the scrumming and were superior in the loose. Behind the scrum R. Evans often looked dangerous and in the second half Davies's defence should serve as an object lesson to some long standing stalwarts of the Rugby Club who appeared to forget the elementary defensive principles of tackling and falling on the ball. It is true that there was some good touch finding, but the rugby club must consider themselves lucky that R.A.O.C. were mediocre opponents, lacking cohesion and whose defence towards the end of the game became even weaker than that of the home side.

BOXING CLUB.

U.C.S. now holds three of the Southern Division U.A.U. Championship's and as such has been featured in the National Press this week.

Encouraged by the support given by A.U. the club has determined to show its true worth, and on Friday in the Southern Divisional Championships achieved unprecedented success. Four men went up; Edwardson, the captain, who was given a bye, his opponent being overweight, E. M. Jones, E. P. R. Taylor and Paul Reitz represented the College against Birmingham as Loughborough (which has a full-time P.T. course).

Jones fought first against Mac Sherry of Birmingham, who assumed the offensive from the start. There were some really lively exchanges, each giving as much as he took. The U.C.S. men, however, made the mistake of failing to attack enough and although this was the only fight to go the full distance, Mac Sherry won on points.

E. P. R. Taylor was next in the ring against a more experienced Burrington of Birmingham. In his usual exuberant style, Taylor went into his maul with both hands and landed a heavy right hook to the jaw, a left swing to the nose, and—"Technical K.O." After this remarkable feat, Taylor had to enter the ring again with Townsend of Loughborough. In the first round, Taylor attacked again, but received some stinging lefts to the jaw. Determined that this should go no further, he proceeded in the second round to repeat his last performance so successfully that—"Taylor winner, Technical K.O."

Finally, our recently acquired student from France, Paul Reitz, entered the ring opposite the heavier A. D. Taylor of Loughborough. The first 20 seconds was a really amazing sight, for Reitz was penned in a corner taking everything Taylor could give him until his face was a mass of blood. Then he pushed Taylor away, held him at a

distance until he regained his strength, and systematically proceeded to deal out so much punishment that the end of the round saw him carrying the fight. In the second round, using his powerful straight left, Reitz quickly weakened his man. He connected with a heavy right and was declared the winner, the fight being stopped.

Well might this Club be proud of itself.

MEN'S HOCKEY.

U.C.S. v. Fort Brockhurst, 7-2. U.C.S. v. King Alfred's, 1-1.

The game against Fort Brockhurst was one of mud rakes. The pitch was very soft with pools of water to trap the unwary. In the first half the game was confined to our opponents half of the field and against a rather weak team College soon saved several goals. In the second half the College backs began to play an attacking game by taking the ball to our opponents 25 yard line and so it was hardly surprising that Fort Brockhurst managed to break away and score two goals.

On Saturday playing on a pitch unfit for play College had a vigorous and even game with King Alfred's College. College started by playing up the slope and play extended up and down the field with College doing more attacking. However, conditions against accurate shooting although King Alfred's goal had many narrow escapes. In the second half College attacked more strongly and Chalk scored off a pass from the left wing. However, King Alfred's quickly retaliated and a long pass from their centre half to a forward on the edge of the circle resulted in a shot which whizzed in at the edge of the goal. After this College were on their mettle but could not manage to score before rain came on and stopped play.

SOCCER CLUB.

U.C.S. 9, R.A.F. Worthy Down 5

Determined to keep up the high standard of play, which had been manifested throughout last term, U.C.S. attacked from the start. Steady play by the R.A.F. backs kept the College out, and it was only by an intensive attack by the half-backs that Jones was enabled to score a goal and give U.C.S. the lead after 15 minutes play. But then a nippy Air Force centre forward dropped a fine goal over Smith's head. Wallace sent U.C.S. into the lead again by smashing home a hard left-footed shot after a long rush down the wing. Another equaliser brought the half-time score to 2-2.

The second half was very lively. The score went up 3-2, 3-3, until 5-5, when College drew away. Eden with brilliant dashes down the wing brought his packet of goals up to 5, while Wallace and Jones scored 2 each.

CROSS COUNTRY CLUB.

King Alfred's 36; U.C.S. 42.

The College started well for the first match of the term, although the result was in favour of King Alfreds. The opponents set a very fast pace for the first half-mile, most of which was uphill. Pirrie and Hodgkinson soon went up with the leaders and maintained that position. The main pack kept together, but owing to the heavy going, split after about three miles. Cluff of Winchester almost equalled the record by completing the 5½ mile course in 31 mins. 58 secs.

Positions: Pirrie 2; Hodgkinson 3; Dyer 7; Armstrong 8; Moore 10; Dukes 12.

B. S. DYER.

FENCING CLUB.

Foil: U.C.S. 2. R.A.F. Netheravon 7.

Epee: U.C.S. 5½. R.A.F. 3½.

Sabre: U.C.S. 1. R.A.F. 8.

The successful absence of our Captain, on school practice, was doubtless responsible in some measure for our heavy defeat in foil and sabre, but there were several close and evenly-matched bouts, especially towards the end, when U.C.S. began to work off vacation rustiness. Epee was most successful, as usual and Langhorne maintained his high average by gaining 2 wins and 1 draw in 3 bouts. Quinn also was a useful member of the team, and Pobery had some bad luck in sabre. We look forward to our foil match with Bristol.

WOMEN'S HOCKEY.

U.C.S. 14. So' ton Civil Service 4.

College started the term well with an overwhelming victory in spite of a very heavy pitch and teeming rain after half time. The team combined well and played a clean, fast game, forwards attacking continuously and successfully, no less than nine goals coming from the centre forward alone. The home side was never very dangerous as a team but four times its forwards caught the defence playing too far up the field. Although the fact that the Civil Service was playing one short detracted from the glory of such a victory, the general improvement of form shown augurs well for the remaining matches of this season.

A.U. COMMITTEE MEETING

JANUARY 21st.

1. It was decided to abolish the Women's Athletic Club owing to lack of support. The captain of Women's Athletics, Miss Smither to continue to attend meetings of the Committee so as to allow the Club to be reformed should sufficient support be forthcoming at a later date.

2. It was resolved that a letter be sent to the W.I.V.A.B. stating that we could not hold the W.I.V.A.B. Sports here this summer, as we had no Athletic team, and also as we could not supply a javelin discus or shot.

3. The Ground Secretary was asked to see about improvements to the spray of the showers in the pavilion.

4. The cost of improvement to the take-off for the high jump to be investigated by the Secretary of Athletics.

O.T.C. NEWS.

This term the Corps have lost the services of Mr. J. W. Ackroyd, who was officer commanding the contingent from its foundation until he left College at the end of last term.

Mr. Ackroyd joined the ranks of the College Platoon of the "Terriers," in a very short time he was made a sergeant and ultimately obtained a commission in the 5/7 Hampshire Regiment. When a Senior Division Officers' Training Corps was formed at College he was given command of the new unit. Here he had not only to do all the work connected with starting of the Corps but for nearly four months he had to run the Contingent single handed. Sgt. Read of the K.R.R. was then appointed P.S.I. and so Mr. Ackroyd was helped very considerably in the running of the Corps. It says much for Mr. Ackroyd's powers of organisation and ability to command that he has handed over a rapidly growing and smoothly working Contingent to his successor.

The Corps is now being organised into two platoons and so recruits will be able to work with experienced cadets, which should give the new members a better understanding of the training they are to receive. On the other hand, the N.C.O.'s will be gaining very valuable experience as each commander will help in the training of his command.

O.C. Sgt. Lacey-Johnston has been promoted O.C.C.S.M., and O.C. Sgt. Day is the new O.C.C. M.S.

All the Certificate B Candidates were successful at the November examinations, while Collins, Mossman and Smith obtained their A Certificates.

Already this term's parades are well under way and next month practical examinations for both certificates will probably be held. Once again would all officer cadets please remember that there is an O.T.C. notice board which contains notices suitable for reading. Those unable either read or to digest the literature posted on the board should apply to Headquarters where they will get the necessary information.

The General Carol Party

It is with no small misgiving that I undertake the task of writing this article; it is not that I doubt my ability—far from it—but the lot of a reporter is not a happy one. Moreover, attractive as the subject may seem, it has its disadvantages. I am not unaware that the mere mention of practically any of the more enjoyable incidents of the expedition will raise a hoarse and Grundy-ish chorus of "Hooliganism!" So be it. On with the Dance and let who will hurl brick-bats.

Not for many a year—and I speak as one who knows—has a College function proceeded on its way with such *eclat*, such *joie de vivre*, with such—in short with such a superabundance of that carefree spirit which is supposed to be the hall-mark of student activities.

Our well-beloved Mr. Kenyon deserves a special mention; he suited his personality to the occasion—or did he have to suit it?—and carried himself with an air. Few will forget the sight of his scarlet-clad form, complete with beard—cotton wool, it is true, and somewhat chewed, but nevertheless, still a beard—scaling the Bargate Lions in the face of Police opposition. Nor should his inspired leading of the sundry Kellies pass to forgetfulness without due and honourable mention. Moreover he has that certain way with policemen.

The Tramways officials, it is to be feared, did not appreciate the attitude of the party as a whole. Nevertheless it cannot be denied that a tram comes to a halt in a most entertaining fashion if one but removes the trolley from the electric cable. Police officers too seemed occasionally to take a narrow view of the proceedings; and one Inspector at least could scarcely have had the interest of the local Hospitals at heart.

However, the evening passed without mishaps or arrest, though more than one participant must have suffered some anxious moments.

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Spanish Dance

The spirit and glorious traditions of Highfield pervading (apologies to Stoncham?) and the geniality of the company present made the dance a supreme success, socially and financially—a profit of over £4 is expected.

Jelly juggling, sandwich spreading, cake cutting, lemon liquifying were carried on at a furious pace by the Highfield damsels, who later displayed their versatility by essaying the dance floor, although natural modesty (what—modesty at Highfield?) prevented them from appearing in the hall until the always essential men arrived. Where had they been—not arriving until 7 o'clock? Informality and exuberance increased until even the most sober-minded were gambling and frolicking with the rest; the spirit of Highfield was indeed undiluted. There were many devoted couples in the elimination dance. Miss Lightbody and Mr. Whale proved that force does not always triumph by being declared the winners.

And so on in geniality and jollity through the Snowball and Whistle, the Military Paul Jones to the Last Waltz . . . and so to bed.

Our thanks must be given to the Warden and inmates of Highfield for the use of the Hall, and for the truly excellent supper provided (do you know the cost per head?); and to the gallant but tired, band of men who assisted in restoring Highfield to its customary dignity.

Engineer's Dance

Why were Belisha crossings first invented? How long does a mechanical saw take to cut through a bar of steel? These questions were answered for us on Saturday night by the Engineers, who once again brought their originality to play in the scheme of decorations. The Assembly Hall was transformed into a public thoroughfare, complete with two Belisha crossings and appropriate traffic signals. We had visions of the Chairman of the Faculty going the round of Southampton in the dead of night, snatching up these trophies, but we are assured that they were legally come by. The high spot of the evening's entertainment was reached when, in an elimination dance, eight traffic cops were on the look-out to go any men who did not carry their partners across the crossings. Miss Lake was in great demand for this dance, while the more Amazonian were eyed askance by their partners; even greater amusement was caused by the attempts of the women to carry the men across. Mr. Loftus and partner, the winners of this dance, were appropriately awarded with a bottle of Guinness and a tin of Horlicks. Another Engineers' dance gone by, and one that was up to their usual high standard.

Is Anything Worrying You?

A little advice now and your whole life may be changed; ignorance is dangerous and knowledge gained by experience is often costly, so why not confide your secret troubles in Lena Pommeys. You may be sure that your problems will interest her and the advice given will be drawn from vast experience of human nature. To "Vigorous Nan."

You seem to have strong boyish tendencies, but as you did not enclose a photograph I cannot help you a great deal. Yes, some men do like masculine women, but they are scarce. To "Blissful Joan."

You seem from your long letter to have the figure and personality for the life you want, but don't be seen about in mixed company. So much, so familiarly breeds contempt you know, my dear. To "Worried Lucy."

If you send a stamped and addressed envelope I will answer your questions privately—try not to worry in the meantime. To "McLrish."

No, it is quite normal for one of your age to have such a hobby, but don't expect all to share your enthusiasm. In fact many find railways very boring. To "Wistful Babs."

I am sending my little booklet on "How to keep your man." Your methods if pursued may drive him once more into some one else's Arms. To "Professor Matix."

You seem to be somewhat melancholy—you may be overworking, but have you thought of marriage? It may provide just the tonic you need. To "Union Leader."

I congratulate you on your social achievements, but be on your guard, especially at Dances, not to be too charming or your actions may be misinterpreted by some. To "Flyweight."

I sympathise with you having so many young ladies under your charge, but a little more freedom could be allowed with safety. After all your charges are not innocent school-girls—or are they? No, I think visitors should be announced or they might get impatient and announce themselves.

Send your problem to me, c/o Wessex News and regain your peace of mind.

LENA POMMEYS.

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The last date for contributions is SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14th. Write now and send your *magnus opus* to the Editor of the West Saxon. M. C. R.

Things to Come—

continued from next column Social "things to come" include Informal Hall Entertainments, the Science Faculty Dance, the Opera, and to wind up a full term's programme the I.V.D. and Union Ball. Oh, yes . . . and is that speak on the horizon Finals or Dip?

Things to Come?

No, this is not intended as a parody of Mr. Wells' famous work; we did not even crib this title from him; in fact we have no desire to put the blame on any other shoulders but our own (the Editor appreciates this gesture) when we say that the original idea was given us by the remarkable posters which have appeared in the corridor this term. Those which have drawn attention to the Spanish tragedy have been first rate, both from an artistic point of view and from the vivid way they have depicted the sorrow and suffering in that country. Our thoughts pass naturally to conflict in China, threats of conflict in Europe, devastating flood and fire in Australia . . . and were it not for the fact that our train of thought is broken by another poster we fear a very gloomy picture of "things to come" would ensue. This second colourful contribution to our unusual decorations advertised the Engineers' Dance, 1939 (a report of which appears elsewhere in this issue). We are not sure that the new Assembly Hall will rival the Tower Ball Room at Blackpool, or our own Civic Centre (no doubt, artists as well as poets must be allowed a little licence!) but it is at least encouraging to know that it really will appear in the fairly near future.

Other building schemes are underway also and it is confidently hoped that the new Refectory will be the next item of the building programme.

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Resume of S.C. Meeting

Held on Tuesday, January 17th, 5.15 p.m.

1. A Cycle shed to be erected near the Physics Block.
2. Past copies of *West Saxon* to be bound and put in the Library.
3. Mr. Newman to be sent as a delegate to the N.U.S. Conference of Editors of University Publications.
4. President to represent U.C.S. at Bristol University Union Ball.
5. Mr. Kingman to be sent as a delegate to the N.U.S. Conference of Education Students.
6. Report of Arts Dance showing a profit of £1 13 5.
7. Report of N.U.S. Engineers Conference by Mr. Newton-Smith A.O.B.

(a) The Senior Common Room is organising various activities in aid of Spanish Relief. Students are urged to support these.

(b) Appointments Board. Mr. Casson wants all students in penultimate year to register with the Board. Registration forms for this to be distributed in Halls.

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Calendar.

January 27th, Friday.
Biological Society, 5.15 p.m.
Saturday, January 28th.
Montefiore Hall Entertainment
Friday, February 3rd.
Geography Society, 5.15 p.m.

Chess

On Friday the Chess Club entertained Mr. C. H. O. D. Alexander, the British Chess Champion, and one of the world's leading players. He was welcomed by the Principal and later gave a simultaneous display at College.

Mr. Alexander's opponents were members of the University College Chess Club and a number of players from other clubs of the Southampton Chess League, numbering twenty in all. There were also a number of spectators, including Mr. Grant and play was followed closely on all boards.

Play commenced at 7.30 p.m. Mr. Alexander took white. Ruy Lopez, Vienna games, Queen's Gambits and the English were the commonest openings. Two players attempted the Sicilian and got good games. The centre counter was tried with less success. With great rapidity the master moved from one board to the next, at first making quick decisive moves, which soon had some of the weaker players in difficulties. His early advance of pawns was particularly noticeable.

By the time the first player resigned (9.15 p.m.) the pace had slowed considerably and Mr. Alexander paused for some moments before he moved against one of the weaker players, who was making a good stand. A number of wins for the master were however evident. By 10.0 p.m. about half the games were finished. The final result was that Mr. Alexander won 17, drew 2 and lost 1. Mr. Smith of the Southampton Chess Club was the only victor. Mr. Poberog of the College Club obtained a draw on adjudication and is to be congratulated.

The display was concluded with a presentation of a cheque towards the funds of the Centre for British Chess, which is to be opened in London soon, and which the College club intends to support.

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